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TITLE OF INVENTION
AUXILIARY LENSES FOR EYEGLASSES

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEES DUE	DATE DUE
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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/182,862	CHAO, RICHARD
	Examiner Huy K. Mai	Art Unit 2873

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed June 21, 2001.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 12, 28, 36-41 and 67-89. Claims 4-11, 13-27, 29-35 and 42-66 have been canceled.
3. The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable as formal drawings.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

5. Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION. This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

6. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the examiner.
 - (c) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. <u>35</u>
5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____.	6 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment
7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
	9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: (I) The declaration/affidavit of David Chao under 37 CFR 1.131 (see exhibit #7) filed on April 20, 2001 with the evidence (see exhibits #8,9,10) and the facts fount in the interference no.: 104,051, papers #149,185 (see exhibits #3,4) are sufficient to overcome the Twincome-Pentax reference. Therefore, the Twincome-Pentax reference is no longer applicable. In another word, the rejection under 35 USC 102(a) over Twincome-Pentax reference in the action, paper #5, has been withdrawn. (II) In the amendment filed on April 20, 2001, all the cancellation of the added Fig. 8, the removal of the added phrases from the original specification and the removal of the language "at least one arm" from claims overcome the rejection under 35 USC 251, overcome the objection to the amendment filed Oct. 21, 1998 and also overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph in the action, paper #5. (III) Nishioka fails to disclose the limitations "said auxiliary spectacle frame including two side portions, each having an arm extended therefrom for extending over and for engaging with said upper side portion of said primary spectacle frame, and a pair of second magnetic members secured to said arms respectively for engaging with said first magnetic members of said primary spectacle frame so as to secure said auxiliary spectacle frame to said primary spectacle frame" in combination with claimed subject matter as claimed in claim 1. Nishioka fails to disclose the limitations "the primary spectacle frame including two side portion extensions extended therefrom for pivotally coupling a leg thereto and a first magnet having a horizontal surface and secured to said side portion extension of the primary spectacle frame" and "the auxiliary spectacle frame including two auxiliary side portions, the auxiliary spectacle frame including two second magnets, each secured to one of the

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auxiliary side portions for respectively engaging the horizontal surface of one of the first magnets so as to secure the auxiliary spectacle frame to the primary spectacle frame" in combination with claimed subject matter as claimed in claim 12. Nishioka also fails to disclose the limitations as claimed in claims 36,67-78,81,86-89. The prior art fails to disclose or suggest to combine with any other reference to meet the limitations as claimed in claims 1,12,36,67-78,81,86-89. Therefore claims 1-3,12,28,36-41,67-89 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huy K. Mai whose telephone number is (703) 308-4874. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Y. Epps can be reached on (703) 308-4883. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 308-7724 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

HKM/
July 12, 2001


Huy Mai
Primary Examiner